

Commercial and Industrial Buildings,
Dubuque Linseed Oil Paint Company Factory
901 Jackson Street
Dubuque
Dubuque County
Iowa

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Site Location: 901 Jackson Street
Dubuque, Dubuque County, Iowa
DOT designation: Resource Site No. 8.5
Cadastral grid : SE1/4 SE1/4 S24 T89N R2E
USGS quadrangle: Dubuque South Iowa 7.5'
UTM coordinates: 15.691910.4708080
Lot dimensions : 66.2'x 100': .15 acre
Lot description: City Lot 379 and South 15'
of City Lot 380
Present Owner: Universal Electric Company, Inc.
Present Usage: office / warehouse
Present Condition : good

Overall Dimensions: 4-story corner block: 29'x 100'; side addition: 100'x 35'.
Orientation : south
Architectural Plan type : rectangular open plan factory.
Description : Foundation: coursed stone ashlar and reinforced concrete
perimeter walls.
Structure : wood frame with masonry bearing walls.
Ext. walls: original: common red brick laid in common bond
(now covered with ribbed metal siding).
Roof : flat composition roof with brick parapet walls.
Chimneys : none visible.
Windows : 1/1 and 6/6 double-hung with plain casings and
slip sills.
Openings : single-leaf primary entrance on south wall.
Details : all original details covered by metal siding.

Construction Date : c.1880; c.1905

Architecture Style: none

Physical History : The four-story portion of this building on the corner of Ninth and Jackson streets was constructed c.1880 as a factory for the Dubuque Linseed Oil Paint Company. In 1905 it was acquired by the Dubuque Biscuit Company as a replacement for that company's previous factory, destroyed by fire. The biscuit company built the two-story side addition soon thereafter to house the ovens and power plant. The first floor of the original portion was at this time converted to the bakery's mixing and baking department. Packaging was done on the second floor; a sweet goods department on the third floor. The building has undergone extensive alterations, most destructive has been the installation of metal siding over the entire exterior walls.

Significance: Though substantially altered, this building is historically significant for its association with an important early Dubuque industry.

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